

HCBS Program Bulletin



For upcoming events,
visit the KDADS Calendar
online at
www.kdads.ks.gov

Lunch and Learn Calls for
consumers, advocates and
other **stakeholders** are every
other Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

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**Conflict of Interest and
Shared Living Design**
open for comment
through May 21, 2015

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✚ **CSP-HCBS Changes**

KDADS is making some organizational changes that involve the current Community Services and Programs Commission (CSP). KDADS has several staff who have left CSP at the end of April. Please join KDADS in thanking **Gina Meier-Hummel**, Commissioner of CSP, **Jim DeCoursey**, PD Program Manager, **Mary Hovey**, Licensing QMS for Wichita, and **Jennifer Gill**, Licensing QMS for Wichita, for many years of service to individuals who are aging and disabled in Kansas. Best wishes in retirement and your next endeavors.

CSP Change of Commissioner

Effective May 1, **Bill Rein** will serve as **Behavioral Health Commissioner** and continue as State Hospital Director for the psychiatric hospitals. Mr. Rein will work with the KDADS Behavioral Health team to build upon our ongoing work with Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital.

Effective May 1, **Joe Ewert**, Commissioner of Survey, Certification, and Credentialing, will step in to serve as **Interim Commissioner for CSP's HCBS Programs** while the permanent position is posted.

Staff Changes

Effective immediately, **John Barry** will serve as the **Interim PD Program Manager**. Questions should be sent to John.Barry@kdads.ks.gov and copy the HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov email address.

Effective immediately, questions regarding licensing from IDD providers in the Sedgwick County and surrounding areas should be directed to **Jamie Pedigo** at Jamie.Pedigo@kdads.ks.gov and copied to the HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov.

Upcoming ABLE discussion

On Friday May 15, 2015, as part of the National Association of State Treasurers Conference, at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, 529 plan administrators will be hosting the first forum discussing implementing this new program and we would love your feedback. If you are interested in attending please email Charline Cobbs at cobbs@kcdd.org to ensure you are registered. This forum will provide information for account owners of ABLE accounts, information sharing, and knowledge sharing. This forum is slated to begin at 9am.

HCBS 2015 Educational Summit

KDADS, with the support of Wichita State University's Center for Community Services and Research (CCSR), hosted the 2015 HCBS "Systems at Work" Educational Summit for consumers, family members, stakeholders, providers, and professionals. The Educational Summit was a **NO COST** event that gave the public the opportunity to learn more about HCBS topics and programs. Some of the topics of interest included HCBS Final Setting Rule Assessment, Self-Direction, Guardianship, Employment Programs, HCBS Programs, Health Homes, MFEI Assessment, APS/CPS, Social Security Disability/PMDT, Medicaid Fraud, and more! Attendees had the opportunity to meet with MCO representatives to discuss benefits and concerns. The half-day provider and professional track on Monday, April 13th hosted nearly 500 nurses, lawyers, social workers, and providers, and the all-day consumer, caregiver, and provider track on Tuesday, April 14th hosted more than 500 hundred people. Thank you to the sponsors and attendees for making this year's summit a success. KDADS appreciates the feedback and comments. Planning for next year's summit has begun.

Copies of presentations and recordings will be available on the [KDADS website](#) over the next few weeks. For attendees who did not receive a Certificate for contact hours for continuing education credits should contact Ashley Kurtz (Ashley.Kurtz@kdads.ks.gov) who will verify attendance using the sign in log.

HCBS Program Update:

HCBS Renewals: The state has received approval for a temporary extension of the HCBS Programs with pending renewals (IDD, TBI, PD, and FE). This will allow time for CMS to review the submitted renewals. Proposed changes were submitted to CMS by the end of December, and the State continues to hold conversations with CMS.

Renewal and extension documents are available on the KDADS website at:

[http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/hcbs-program-renewal-information](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-program-renewal-information)

SED Renewal Public Comment Session:

The HCBS Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Transition Plan and proposed changes are open to public comment and feedback from 5/1/15 through 5/31/15. The draft proposal is posted on the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) website at:

[http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/hcbs-program-renewal-information](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-program-renewal-information)

To meet CMS requirements Kansas developed a Transition Plan for the SED program that provides assessment, strategies, and timelines for meeting the requirements of the new rules. KDADS invites your comments on this Transition Plan and the proposed changes before it is submitted to CMS. Water and coffee will be available at the in-person meetings below.

Locations (In Person):

Wednesday, May 6th at Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 29th & Oliver, 5015 E. 29th Street N, Wichita, KS 67260
10:00-11:30 and 1:00-2:30

Thursday, May 7th at Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044
10:00-11:30 and 1:00-2:30

Conferencing option:

May 20th from 12:00-1:00 call 1-866-620-7326 and enter PIN 5272685242

The Public Comment period will be open for 30 days to allow all HCBS consumers and providers an opportunity to provide input to the Transition Plan. The initial plan is a draft of the State's blueprint for how we will assess settings, ensure compliance, and transition individuals to compliant settings, if necessary. We will continue to seek public input, even after we submit the plan for final CMS approval.

Comments, Questions, and Input can be provided to KDADS at 785-296-3471 and Ryan.Gonzales@kdads.ks.gov.

HCBS Transition Plan: On March 17, 2015, Kansas submitted the Statewide HCBS Transition Plan to CMS for review and approval. This plan will impact all of the HCBS waiver programs (Autism, FE, IDD, PD, TA, TBI, and SED). Providers will be notified over the next few weeks of the initial assessment process through the Provider Self-Assessment Survey of provider settings to ensure compliance with the HCBS Final Rule. This online survey will look at each setting type, the number of individuals receiving services in that setting, and the level of compliance with the federal regulation. Providers who do not complete the assessment or are substantially non-compliant will be part of the initial onsite review by the State. The Statewide Transition Plan is available on the KDADS website at: [http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/hcbs-waivers](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-waivers)

Waiting List Updates: Last month, 250 individuals on the PD Waiting List were sent offer letters for services. 25 individuals on the IDD Waiting List were also sent offers for services. If you are on the PD or IDD waiting list and interested in your position on the waiting list please contact KDADS at 785-296-4983 for more information. Additionally, individuals on the PD and IDD Waiting List and the Autism Proposed Recipient's List will be receiving letters to confirm their continued interest in waiting for services over the next few months. Please return the confirmation letter to KDADS in the self-addressed envelope provided for the fastest processing.

Additionally, if you are receiving Medicaid, remember it is your responsibility to notify DCF of any changes in your address or phone number. KDADS will use the information in our system that comes from DCF to verify contact information if letters are returned or addresses are incomplete. Failure to have up-to-date contact information may result in individuals being removed from the waiting list as "unable to contact."

MFP Sustainability Plan: KDADS submitted the MFP Sustainability Plan to CMS on April 30, 2015. KDADS utilized information from MFP Stakeholders survey to retain critical elements of MFP such as ability to access services, receive transition coordination, and utilize transition funds. The plan describes the State's plan to sustain its focus on supporting transitions from institutions and helping individuals return to their homes and communities with support to remaining in the least restrictive setting possible.

Midland Care PACE Service Area Expansion

Midland Care PACE Service Area Expansion (SAE) for Region IV was submitted and received by CMS on April 6, 2015. Midland PACE Region IV service area will include Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Atchison, Brown and Doniphan counties. Bluestem PACE, New PACE provider's initial application was submitted to CMS and received on April 8, 2015. The service area in southeast Kansas will include Dickinson, Ellsworth, Harvey, Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Ottawa, Reno, Rice and Saline counties. Via Christi PACE service area expansion includes Johnson, Miami and Franklin counties. The expansion process is now in CMS processing with State Readiness Reviews to be scheduled pending CMS approval.

Additionally, 3 new counties were added to PACE in January of 2015. Now individuals living in Marshall, Nemaha and Lyon counties can receive PACE services.

Policies and Procedures

Policies Posted for Public Comment: Visit the KDADS Provider page for draft policies that are posted for public comment on the [Policy Issuance & Memorandum](#) tab.

FMS Manual: The FMS Manual provides a policy and procedure manual with operational protocols for FMS providers for HCBS Program participants who direct their own care utilizing FMS supports. An updated Q&A and Policy Memorandum has been provided to give providers additional clarification. The final FMS Manual was posted April 10, 2015 on the KDADS Provider Information site at the link below:

http://www.aging.ks.gov/PolicyInfo_and_Regs/PIs/DraftPolicies/DraftPolicies_Index.html

Conflict of Interest: The Conflict of Interest policy is designed to provide clarification to guardians and activated durable powers of attorney who are paid to provide care regarding the conflict of interest process and the appointment of a designated representative. This policy is open for public comment until May 30, 2015. Please send any comments to the HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov email box with the subject: "Conflict Free Comment". The policy can be located:

<http://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/CSP/HCBS/HCBS-2015-Spring-Summit/Presentations/kansas-hcbs-conflict-of-interest-policy---4-1-15.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Shared Living Design: The Shared Living Design Manual describes Kansas's Shared Living Model for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities as an alternative to traditional residential supports. The policy, procedures and protocols for licensed providers regarding Shared Living will follow shortly. The design is open for public comment until May 30, 2015. Please send any comments to the HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov email box with the subject: "Shared Living Design Comment". The document can be located:

http://www.aging.ks.gov/HCBSPProvider/Documents/KS_Shared_Living_Program_Design.pdf

TBI Progress Report: KDADS posted the TBI progress reporting documents for [public comment](#) and is currently in the process of reviewing the feedback. A final version of the progress reporting documents will be posted to KDADS website shortly.

Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings:

- **MFEI Steering Committee:** The MFEI Steering Committee meets this week to discuss the TBI Addendum draft to the updated Multi-Functional Assessment Instrument for long-term services and supports. Additionally, the MFEI Steering Committee for the IDD Assessment will begin

meeting this week to review the current IDD functional assessment and develop plans to review tools for developing a new or revised functional tool for IDD assessments.

- **CDDO Business Meeting:** The next CDDO Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- **CDDO Contract Negotiations:** Contract negotiation dates are set for May 27th, 28th, 29th, and June 2nd. KDADS will begin meeting with CDDO Negotiators prior to these dates to walk through the CDDO contract.
- **IDD Rate Study:** Myers and Stauffer is preparing the IDD Rate Study. KDADS and the vendor have had 3 planning meetings and received initial input from providers on the reporting tool. The next step is to discuss the tool on the IDD Stakeholder call with providers, and then schedule trainings for providers.
- **IDD Stakeholders Meeting:** The next IDD Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **The call is limited to 150 callers**, so providers, consumers and stakeholders are encouraged to meet in groups and share conference lines or host listening sessions where possible so the greatest number of people can attend. We would request that you send any questions you have by 5:00 on Friday, May 8th to the following email address; HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov. Please title any questions “IDD Conference Call” when submitting your questions. We appreciate your assistance with this.

KS AuthentiCare Flash Communication:

The May 1, 2015 Flash Communication contains the following AuthentiCare® Kansas information:

Workers Unable to Check In/Check Out on the IVR System:

A worker who has all required fields entered on the AuthentiCare Worker Entity page should find the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System allows him/her to check in/check out to provide services to clients.

A worker whose AuthentiCare Worker Entity page does not yet have all required fields entered will not be able to check in or check out on the IVR. At the client’s residence the worker will place the call to the IVR System, and after he/she inputs the 5-digit worker ID, the worker will hear, “Your worker ID is not active/valid.” To assist the DSW in updating the information, please review the attached Flash Communication from First Data for AuthentiCare® KS sent on May 1, 2015 and May 5, 2015.

FMS Worker and PERS Worker Instructions:

FMS providers have each created a generic worker so that AuthentiCare is able to create claims for these providers to review and confirm for export. FMS providers each have one FMS Worker for whom they shall place all 8s in the SSN field as soon as possible. Claims have been created for these generic workers this past weekend. They have a Worker Ineligible exception. Once all 8s are in the SSN field of the provider’s *FMS Worker*, and our overnight processes run, providers will no longer see that exception on their auto-created FMS claims.

To assist the PERS Providers in updating the information, please review the attached Flash Communication from First Data for AuthentiCare® KS sent on May 1, 2015 and May 5, 2015.

Lunch and Learn Calls:

Providers: This call is set for Tuesdays in 2015. A new schedule of dates is posted at on the [KDADS Provider site](#). Provider Forum calls are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

There will be a time for Questions and Answers as well. Providers should submit questions no later than close of business the Friday before the call, by emailing HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov, Subject Line: Provider Forum Question. Additional information about topics will also be available online.

Consumers and Other Stakeholders: In 2015, these calls will continue every other Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:45 for consumers and family members. They will cover a number of topics related to aging and disabilities and include a variety of hosts and discussions.

Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326
Conference Code: 5272685242

The next Consumer Lunch and Learn call will be April 8, 2014 from 12:00 to 12:45 pm

There will be a time for Questions and Answers as well. If people want to send in questions ahead of time, they can email or call them to the Ombudsman's office at KanCare.Ombudsman@kdads.ks.gov or 855.643.8180. Additional information about topics will be available online.